



Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park

SPRING 2010 Program Schedule



For additional information or reservations call the Visitor Center at 901-876-5215.

Note: April 5–11 is NATURAL AREAS WEEK. Come out and enjoy our good nature!



Canoe Floats

This is a refreshing guided tour around Poplar Tree Lake, where you can see Herons and Egrets as they migrate in and very possibly see one of our local American Bald Eagles. This is a bird-lover's paradise! There are only 11 spots available per trip, unless you bring your own canoe or kayak; in either case you must call for reservations.

There is no fee for this trip, but donations are greatly appreciated to help support our program services and wildlife rehabilitation program. Bring water, bug spray, and sunblock according to your needs. This trip lasts about 1 hour. Each trip meets at the Nature Center at the following times and dates:

Sunday March 21 at 9am and 1pm

Sunday April 4 at 9am and 1pm

Friday April 9 at 9am and 1pm

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend these trips are at Eagle Lake in the Bald Cypress Swamps every Sunday at 9am and 1pm; trip may be moved to Poplar Tree Lake if water is too low—check before you come

Guided Wildflower Hikes

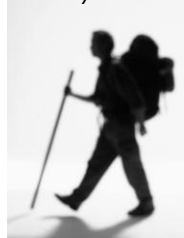
These are invigorating 1.5 mile guided hikes on our beautiful Woodland Trail following an aesthetic, meandering creek. We will look at and identify all the new spring wildflowers as well as other interesting plants and their uses as food or medicine. Wear shoes and clothing appropriate to hiking; bring water and bug spray. There is no fee and no reservations are needed. Each trip meets at the Visitor Center on:

Saturday March 27 at 2pm (rain date March 28 at 2pm) **with Glinda Watts, Botanical Expert

Saturday April 3 at 10am

Saturday May 1 at 10am

Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day there hikes are every Saturday at 10am.



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Pontoon Boat Cruises

These are guided 45-minute trips around our scenic 135-acre Poplar Tree Lake. We'll talk about the native wildlife, lake ecology, forest and swamp ecosystems, local flora, and much more! There is a \$1 per person fee (age 5 and under free) and reservations are required; limit of 15 per trip. Make reservations at the Visitor Center at 901-876-5215. The trips meet at the Nature Center on:

Saturday April 3 at 1pm

Saturday April 10 at 2pm

Sunday April 11 at 5pm

Saturday May 1 at 1pm

Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day trips are every:

Thurs and Fri at 9am and 1pm; Sat at 9am, 1pm, and 5pm; Sun at 10am and 2pm

Live Reptile Programs

Join us at the Nature Center for informative programs with our scaly friends. Learn about what they eat and how they get it, where they live, and why we shouldn't fear them. Meet some of MSF's local species at these dates and times:

Saturday April 3 at 2pm

Saturday April 10 at 3pm

Sunday April 11 at 4pm

Saturday May 1 at 2pm

Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day these programs are Sat and Sun at 4pm



Live Raptor Programs

Come to the Nature Center to get closer to some of our largest feathered friends. Learn about their amazing hunting abilities, where to look for them, and how many different kinds there are. Maggie and Lucy will see you at these dates and times:

Saturday April 3 at 2:30pm

Saturday April 10 at 3:30pm

Sunday April 11 at 4:30pm

Saturday May 1 at 2:30pm

Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day these programs are Sat and Sun at 11am



Invasive Plant Seminar

Saturday April 10 at 10am

Meet at Shelter 2 to walk along the bike trail with a Park Naturalist to learn how to identify, control, and remove invasive plants like privet and Japanese honeysuckle. The plant could be in your backyard and can cause some serious problems! Bring gloves, pruning shears or lopping shears and be prepared to tackle some plants!

Native Tree Identification

Meet at the Nature Center and take a nice leisurely stroll around the lake and learn several of our native trees, both by bark and leaf. You should be able to go home and find a few in your yard!

Friday April 9 at 4pm

Saturday April 10 at 4pm

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